

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated June 16, 2004, which has a shortened statutory period set to expire July 2, 2004. An extension of time for one month is enclosed herewith.

Claims 11, 33, 37-43 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have rewritten Claims 11, 33, and 37-40 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 11, 33, and 37.

Claims 41-43 depend from Claim 40 and therefore are patentable for at least the same reasons as Claim 40. Based on those reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 41-43.

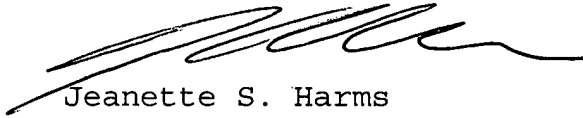
Claims 1-10, 12-32, 34-36, and 44-54 are cancelled, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot.

CONCLUSION

Claims 11, 33, and 37-43 are pending in the present application. Applicants request allowance of these claims.

If there are any questions, please telephone the undersigned at 408-451-5907 to expedite prosecution of this case.

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